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Applicant(s): T. FRANK WANG  
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For: METHOD OF UNIFORMLY ETCHING REFRACTORY  
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REFRACTORY METAL SILICIDES  
Group Art Unit: 1765  
Examiner: DUY VU NGUYEN DEO

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

AMENDMENT

Our check in the amount of \$ -0- is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary extension of time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to Deposit Account No. 50-1442. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a request is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Responsive to the outstanding Office Action dated October 4, 2004, entry of the following  
amendments is respectfully requested.